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NEW WOODS DISCOVERED IN STRATFORD, ONTARIO:

A set of eight, different, beautifully designed wooden nickels has been recently discovered in Stratford, Ontario by CAWMC member Larry Walker. A more complete write-up, showing the woods is on page three.



IN PRAISE OF JIM CHARLTON:

CAWMC member, *John Regitko* has written an article in praise of another CAWMC member **Jim Charlton**. This article previously appeared in the latest publication of the "Ontario Numismatist". It has been reprinted, for our members, on page six.

AUCTION BIDS:

You are reminded to get your bids in to Norm Belsten on the two page listing of woods published in last month's newsletter. There are a lot of really good woods available in that listing, some of which are quite scarce. Send your bids to Norm at **86 Hamilton Drive Newmarket, Ont., Can., L3Y 3E8** e-mail nbelsten@sympatico.ca

All bids must reach Norm by *December 15th 2001*.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL:

It is again that time of the year. If you have not already done so, please consider doing this task as soon as possible. By renewing early, it makes the job of our membership chairman that much easier. A renewal form is included here. *Al Munro's* address is on the form.


CHRISTMAS/HANUKKAH WOODS:

Jerry Remick has sent in to me his annual information package on manufacturers of Christmas/Hanukkah round and flat woods. Thank you, Jerry, for collating all this information. The information is shown on pages four, five and six. Act quickly on getting orders in to these people.

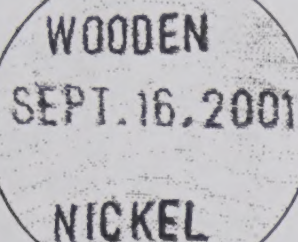


NEW WOODS:

CAWMC member and our CAWMC Vice President, *Dave Gillespie* of Orangeville, Ontario has distributed two new wooden nickels in the past two months. Dave is a member and a Past President of the Orangeville Lions Club. He and his wife Carolyn recently helped to organize a one day car rally and an all day surprise bus trip for interested Lions Club members and their partners. All of the participants in each event were presented with a wooden nickel, made by Dave, at the completion of each of the days activities. As a result of Dave's efforts, there are now a number of people in the Orangeville area that have the start of a wooden nickel collection. You might obtain the woods by sending a SASE to Dave at 3 Old Oak Lane Orangeville, Ontario L9W4B1. The two woods are black on both sides with the dates (Sept.16, 2001 and Oct. 20,2001) both in red.



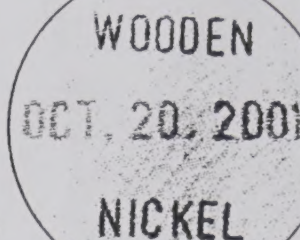
ORANGEVILLE
LIONS CAR
RALLY



WOODEN
SEPT. 16, 2001
NICKEL



ORANGEVILLE
LIONS BUS
TOUR



WOODEN
OCT. 20, 2001
NICKEL

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 Wooden Money Collectors is:

Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds
 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds
 International Members Rate (outside of Canada and
 U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary,
 AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

Our free wood this month once again comes from Iroquois Falls, Ontario. It is a relatively common wood listed as number 5430 – 005A in the official Canadian Wood Listing. The wood is black in colour on both sides. Thank you to *Lou Vesh* who secured and provided this wood to our membership.

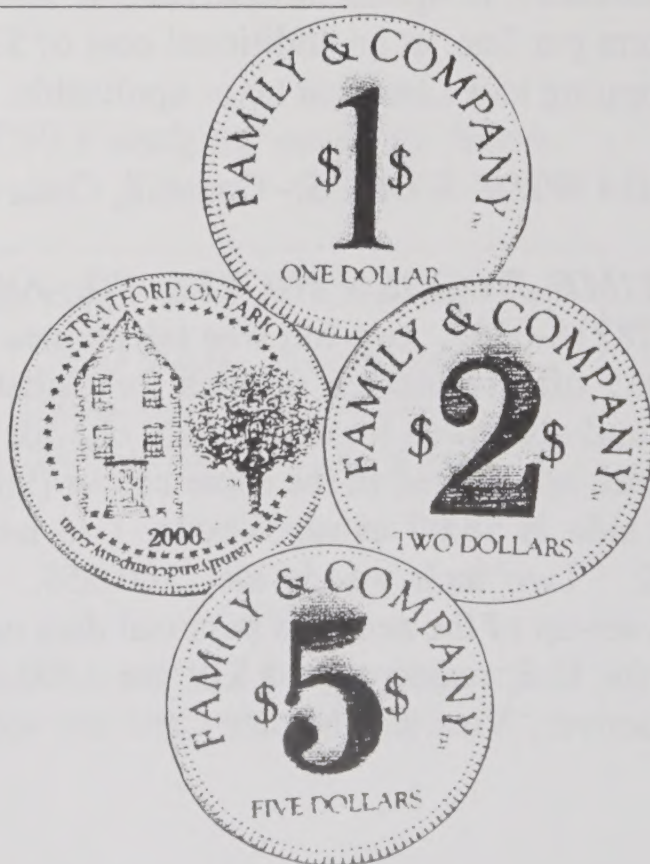
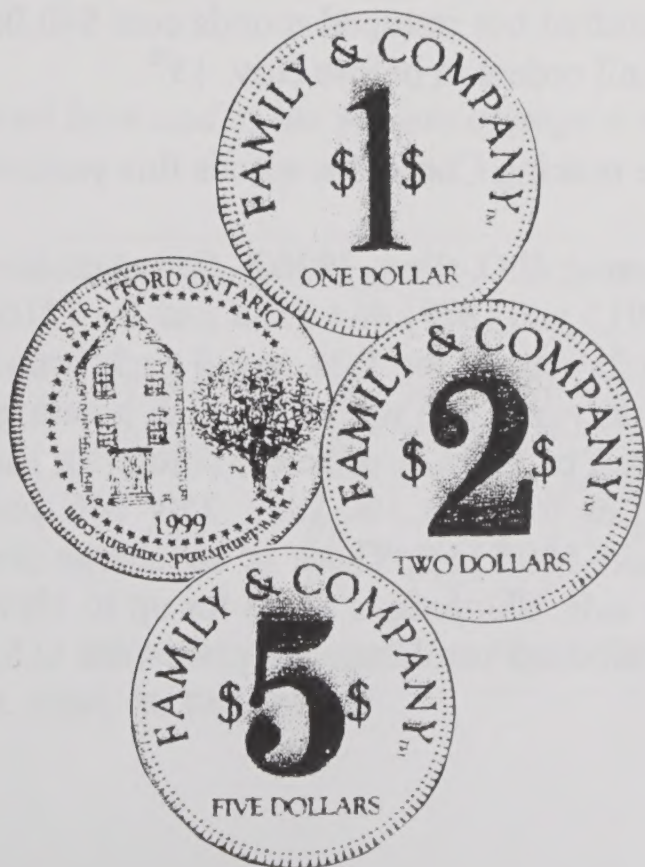
STRATFORD'S "FAMILY & COMPANY" STORE WOODS:*by Ross Kingdon*

At the recently held Stratford Coin Club annual show (Oct. 21, 2001), which I attended, *Larry Walker*, of Canada Wide Woods showed me a set of beautifully designed woods that he had discovered and which have been used in a local Stratford, Ontario store since 1997. The store named 'Family & Company' at 6 Ontario Street, is a toy and games store for children and the woods were obviously redeemable in the store for the various values of \$1, \$2, or \$5. The woods are 38 mm in diameter and quite thick (approx. 9 mm). All the images are burned into the wood, so the woods have a nice burned, brown look to them. You will note that there is only one wood (\$1.00 value), for both the years of 1997 and 1998. For both the years of 1999 and 2000, however, there are three woods each of values \$1.00, \$2.00, and \$5.00. Note also that the obverse design changes from 1998 to 1999.

In 1997, some 1900 (\$1.00) woods were produced while in 1998 about 1500 woods of \$1.00 were produced.

In 1999, only 95 of the \$1.00 value, about 514 of the \$2.00 value and 350 of the \$5.00 were produced. In the year 2000, some 150 of the \$1.00 value, 354 of the \$2.00 value and 450 of the \$5.00 value were made. There is rumour that the store may produce a wood of \$10.00 value sometime in the future.

Any inquiries as to availability of these woods should be addressed to Larry at General Delivery Gadshill, Ont., Can., N0K 1J0.



YEAR 2001 PERSONALIZED CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH WOODEN NICKELS:*by Jerry Remick*

Details on personalized year 2001 Christmas and Hanukkah wooden nickels, supplied to me recently, from four printers are presented here. Please contact any of the wood printers, as soon as possible to obtain information on design, colour, shape, size and price data on their woods. Lots of lead time for the printer should be considered.

Your personal reverse side for your issue of woods can include your municipality, 2001 and a short greeting or 'wooden nickel'. Round woods mailed to your friends at Christmas time should be well protected by a thick piece of cardboard or a piece of 'bubble' envelope or breakage by postal machinery is possible. Flat woods are less prone to breakage.

The bright colours on woods, from a thin foil paper, on which the hot stamped process is used, are available only from Canadian wood printers. United States wood printers use coloured inks to print their woods.

NORM BELSTEN:- 86 Hamilton Drive, Newmarket, Ont., Can., L3Y 3E8, tel. (905) 868 9187, has three 2001 dated obverse designs, one reverse with an English Christmas verse and one reverse with a French verse. These are illustrated on his one page brochure for white maple flats 2 ¾ x 3 ½ inches. Designs include an angel, a Christmas tree and three children singing songs (see pages 5 and 6), along with '2001'. Norm is the only wood printer to offer these durable maple flats with bright foil colours. From a selection of nine colours all applied by the hot stamped process, giving bright colours from a thin foil-type paper, two different colours can be chosen for the obverse side and two different colours for the reverse. Under the verse on the reverse side, there are three lines for wording of fifteen characters each for the sender's name etc., with an additional cost of \$5.00 if a name die is required. One hundred flats cost \$60.00 plus shipping and Canadian taxes applicable. All prices are Canadian.

Norm also has five different round obverse designs and an English and French reverse to fit on 1 ½ inch diameter round, maple woods. One colour per side can be selected from nine colours. There is space on the reverse for the sender's name etc., on two lines of twelve characters per line, at an additional cost of \$3.00. One hundred hot stamped rounds cost \$40.00 plus shipping and Canadian taxes applicable. Please have all orders in before Nov. 15th.

CANADA WIDE WOODS:- Gadshill, Ontario will not be making Christmas woods this year.

OLD TIME WOODEN NICKEL CO.:-Attn. Herb Hornug P.O. Box 18362, San Antonio, Texas 78218-0362, two toll free telephones (800) 750 9915 and (877) 464 2535 and fax (210) 832 8965 offers nineteen designs for Christmas in their brochure for 1 ½ and 2 inch round woods and also three for Hanukkah, one for New Years only and one with a Spanish greeting. Both sides are printed in the same colour (black, blue, green or red). A different colour for the second side is \$8.00 extra. Woods, 1 ½ inch are priced as follows- 100/\$33, 250/\$46 and 500/\$62. Two inch woods are 100/\$59, 250/\$83, and 500/\$114. There is no charge for custom set-up of the sender's personal data on the reverse side. Shipping is \$8.25 for up to 1000 woods for U.S. residents and \$19 per 1000 woods for Canadian residents. All prices are U.S. and Discover, Visa and Master Card are accepted.

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CHRISTMAS/HANUKKAH WOODS -continued from page 4

JERRY LEDET:- Bayou Products Co., P.O. Box 1117, Thiboudoux, Louisiana 70302 Telephone (504) 447 8472 and fax (504) 447 8474 illustrates eight standard designs for 1 ½ inch round Christmas woods and an attractive design for Hanukkah woods in their brochure.

Jerry offers one of his standard holiday designs for one side of a 1 ½ inch round wood and the sender's personal data on the other side with a maximum of eighty characters and spaces at the following rates: 100 woods for \$24, plus \$2.50 for shipping for U.S. residents and \$2.90 for Canadian residents and 250 woods for \$29, plus \$3.00 shipping for U.S. residents and \$5.50 for Canadian residents. There is no extra charge for the side with the sender's name and other data.

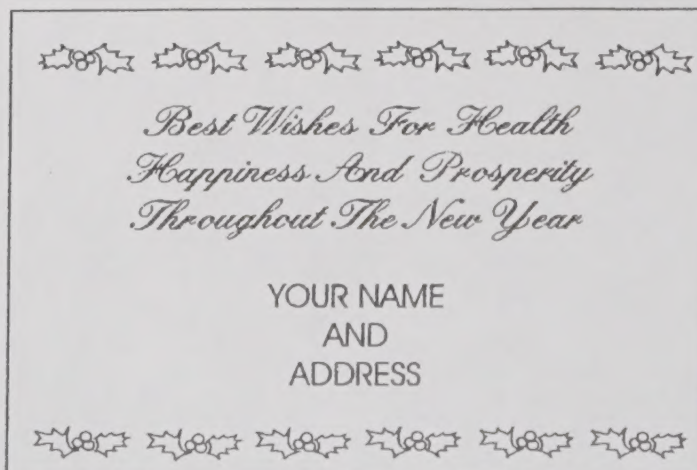
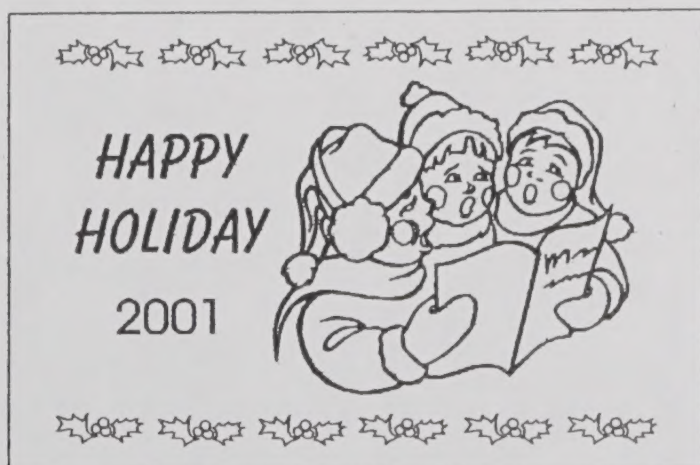
From a selection of six ink colours, the issuer may choose one for both sides of their wood. If a different colour is desired for the second side, there is an additional charge of \$7.50. All prices are in U.S. funds.

JOHN LAWRENCE:- 25 North Wayne Avenue, West Haverstraw, New York 10993, telephone (845) 429 2802 makes personalized holiday wood flats on 1/32 inch thick balsa wood in five different sizes. Three colours of ink are used on both sides, with the issuer choosing the colours. John illustrates fifty-eight obverse designs for Christmas and Hanukkah wood flats and eleven reverse holiday verses in his six page brochure.

The prices for the minimum order of 100 wood flats is as follows: 2 x 2 ¼ inch flats (\$22.75), 2 x 3 inch flats (\$31.75), 2 x 4 inch flats (\$37.75), 3 x 4 inch flats (\$43.75), and 3 ½ inch flats (\$63.75). Postage is extra per order. There is no extra charge for your name and address on the reverse side or your own verse.

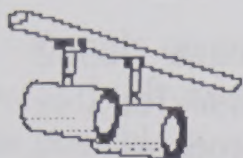
Also available are long, flat, wooden sticks, 3/5ths inches wide by 6 inches long that resemble tongue depressors used by doctors. Two lines of text on one side with the value '5 cents', if desired, at each end, all in two colours, are available at 25 pieces for \$5.50 or 100 pieces for \$15.50, plus postage. John originated this type of wood. All prices are in U.S. funds.

Pictured here and at the bottom of page 6 are some NEWLY designed woods by Norm Belsten:



SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

A column in praise of active Ontario collectors



JIM CHARLTON EXCEEDS HIS FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME BY OVER 50 YEARS

It seems that we bestow deserved praise on Jim Charlton regularly. Based on what has happened to him since the last praise appeared in the ONA Numismatist, he deserves another "Spotlight on People" in this issue.

ONA member Jim Charlton received the Numismatic News 2001 Numismatic Ambassador Award from Chet Krause of Krause Publications at the banquet of the recent CNA Convention in Quebec City. The award was initiated in 1974, and this is only the second time that it has been awarded to a Canadian (the previous Canadian was Margaret Sweeten of Abbotsford, B.C.), who we understand received the award because of all the work she did for the North Western Numismatic Association which was mainly located in the northwestern U.S.A. Jim is the first person to have received the award for promoting truly Canadian numismatics.

Also at the CNA Convention, Jim Charlton became the first Canadian

numismatist to have a biography published about himself in book form. "J.E. Charlton: Coinman to Canadians" was edited by ONA life member Dr. Harold Don Allen and is published by ONA member Bill Cross, current owner/operator of Charlton Press. A review of the book appears on page 159 in this bulletin.

Since he celebrated his 90th birthday at the Convention, Jim was seen handing out wooden tokens to commemorate the event. One side features the official 2001 CNA Convention



More newly designed Christmas woods by Norm Belsten:

